

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES  
MEAT SAFETY ASSURANCE  
AUSTIN, TX**

<h1 style="margin: 0;">MSA NOTICE</h1>	18-17	3/16/17
--	-------	---------

**HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA ALERT**

Due to recent confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the U.S., MSA is issuing this Notice to serve as an official alert and notification for Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) in poultry slaughter establishments to implement the instructions found in MSA Directive 6020.1, *Enhanced Inspection of Poultry Related to a Notification of a Outbreak*. This alert will remain in effect until MSA sends further notification to IPP that the threat of HPAI is no longer in effect.

When IPP perform ante-mortem inspection on flocks that moved to slaughter from an HPAI control zone, they are to verify that APHIS issued or signed a permit for movement of restricted animals. This permit may be APHIS VS Form 1-27 or a State permit that is signed by an APHIS or State official. APHIS must give permission prior to moving the flock from a control zone. The permit indicates that the flock has the required approval to move.

If you see signs of HPAI, it is most important that you contact the Central Office as soon as possible.

Refer questions through supervisory channels.



James R. Dillon, DVM, MPH  
Director, Texas State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program  
Department of State Health Services